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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed April 3, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant argues that Miike et al. fails to disclose the first and last recording time at which the still picture is taken and recorded in the recording medium and that Miike et al. instead only teaches that the input start time and the input end time are of the "document". The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Fig. 95 was referenced in order to show the document contains more than one image and the Examiner understands that there are no time relationships with the images in that embodiment, but Miike et al. further discusses this concept in different embodiments. Miike et al. discloses in col. 46, lines 46-50 that the easiest way to retrieve an image is to correspond that image to a certain time wherein that certain time can be its production time. Furthermore, Miike et al. discloses in col. 47, lines 33-35 that production start and end times are stored along with the document in order to easily retrieve that document by using those times. Miike et al. also discloses in col. 75, lines 6-10 that when multi-media is originally entered into the system and it contains time information it is possible to use that time information directly for the document. Therefore, Miike et al. discloses relating images to its original time of production and storing the production start and end times along with the document (group of pictures) in order to easily retrieve the document and hereby meets the claimed limitations and the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HEATHER R. JONES whose telephone number is (571)272-7368. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs.: 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, and every other Fri.: 7:00 am - 3:30 pm.

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